

CAMEROUN

Cameroun derives its name from the days of early Portuguese explorers, who named the main river "Rio dos Camaroes" (Prawn River). Germany gained control in 1885 in a treaty with Britain and France, but was occupied by an Anglo-French military force in 1915. In 1922 under the League of Nations settlement, the strip adjoining Nigeria was administered as Northern Cameroons and Southern Cameroons (two separate entities) by the British from Nigeria, while the larger part adjoining other French colonies was made the French Mandate of Cameroun (for which revenue stamps were produced from 1927, as listed here).

On 27th August 1940, Cameroun declared its allegiance to de Gaulle and the Free French. During the war years, supplies of revenues were met by overprinting existing stocks of postage stamps at the Imprimerie Commerciale du Cameroun at Douala. Printings were made on an ad hoc basis, sometimes only 50 or 100 copies at a time (one or two panes of stamps). Difficult printing conditions meant that many varieties can be found on the stamps of this period, and probably more exist than are so far recorded. For a detailed listing of these interesting provisionals, see "The Wartime Revenue Stamps of Cameroun" by M.P. Bratzel Jr, Canada, 1996. In the immediate postwar period, only limited supplies of revenue stamps were shipped from France to the colony, and further surcharging (on revenue stamps this time) took place in 1947-1948.

Growth of anti-colonial feeling in the postwar world led to Cameroun being granted internal autonomy in 1956. In 1960 the colony achieved full independence, becoming the Etat du Cameroun. In 1961 a plebiscite was held in the British mandated territories; the largely Muslim Northern Cameroons opted to join Nigeria, while the Southern Cameroons joined Cameroun, which then became known as the République Fédérale du Cameroun. Regional feelings remained strong, which led to revenue stamp issues of 1965 being in French only, or in English only, for the different language areas.

Rival African independence factions had been at war since the late 1950s, and escalated into civil war in the early 1960s. In 1972 a further referendum consolidated the national government, with the country renamed as the République Uni du Cameroun. In 1982 Paul Biya gained power and in 1984 the country was again renamed, this time simply as République du Cameroun.

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CAMEROUN REVENUE



1927. Timbre Fiscal of France of 1925, overprinted CAMEROUN in red (R).

1. 5c bistre, brown & blue (R)	3.50
2. 10c bistre, brown & blue (R)	3.50
3. 15c bistre, brown & blue (R)	3.50
4. 20c bistre, brown & blue (R)	3.50
5. 25c bistre, brown & blue (R)	3.50
6. 30c bistre, brown & blue (R)	5.00
7. 35c bistre, brown & blue (R)	5.00
8. 40c bistre, brown & blue (R)	5.00
9. 45c bistre, brown & blue (R)	7.50
10. 50c bistre, brown & blue (R)	3.50
11. 75c bistre, brown & blue (R)	5.00
12. 1F green, dark green & red (R)	5.00
13. 1F20 green, dark green & red (R) ...	15.00
14. 2F green, dark green & red (R)	5.00
15. 2F40 green, dark green & red (R)	15.00
16. 3F green, dark green & red (R)	7.50
17. 5F green, dark green & red (R)	5.00
18. 10F blue, dark blue & red (R)	5.00
19. 20F green, dark green & red (R)	10.00
20. 25F green, dark green & red (R)	15.00
21. 50F green, dark green & red (R)	20.00
22. 100F lilac, violet & red (R)	35.00
23. 1000F orange & red (R)	75.00



1939. Timbre Fiscal stamps of France of 1936, same design as 1927 but changed colours, overprinted CAMEROUN in red (R), blue (B), or black (1000F to 5000F). CAMEROUN is slightly smaller than the roundel diameter (see also 1961 for larger version). Values from 10F to 200F mainly on slightly bluish to greenish tinted paper. With wmk.

24. 5c lilac & red (R)	25.00
25. 10c lilac & red (R)	10.00
26. 15c lilac & red (R)	10.00
27. 20c lilac & red (R)	10.00
28. 25c lilac & red (R)	5.00
29. 30c lilac & red (R)	10.00
30. 35c lilac & red (R)	25.00
31. 40c lilac & red (R)	25.00
32. 50c lilac & red (R)	3.50
33. 60c lilac & red (R)	50.00
34. 1F rose & blue (R)	3.50
35. 2F rose & blue (R)	5.00
36. 3F rose & blue (R)	5.00
37. 5F rose & blue (R)	3.50
38. 10F blue & red (R)	3.50
39. 20F blue & red (R)	3.50
40. 25F blue & red (R)	5.00
41. 30F blue & red (R)	5.00

- 42. 40F blue & red (R) 7.50
- 43. 50F blue & red (R) 5.00
- 44. 80F blue & red (R) 10.00
- 45. 100F blue & red (R) 7.50
- 46. 150F orange & blue (B) 20.00
- 47. 200F orange & blue (B) 15.00
- 48. 500F orange & blue (B) 15.00
- 49. 1000F green & black 25.00
- 50. 2000F green & black 35.00
- 51. 5000F green & black 65.00



1939. Same designs, but CAMEROUN ovpt in blue (B).

- 55. 1F rose & blue (B) 5.00
- 56. 2F rose & blue (B) 5.00
- 57. 3F rose & blue (B) 5.00
- 58. 4F rose & blue (B) 5.00
- 59. 5F rose & blue (B) 5.00

1940-1945. Provisional overprints (mainly with surcharges) were made by the Imprimerie Commerciale du Cameroun at Douala, as a result of seven different government requisitions over this six year period. Shortage of type at the print shop meant that as many as six type fonts were used on the same basic stamp. Unskilled typesetting assistants inadvertently produced several major varieties (listed here) plus missing letters, and wide or narrow spacing, and further minor varieties (for these, see Bratzel "The Wartime Revenue Stamps of Cameroun", 1996). The exact form of the surcharge is indicated for clarity of identification.



A) small TIMBRE FISCAL (23mm long, sans serif) ovpt on postage due stamp.

- 60. 3F rose & blue 20.00



B) larger TIMBRE FISCAL (27mm long) ovpt on postage due stamp.

- 61. 3F rose & blue 20.00



C) small TIMBRE FISCAL (21-22mm long, sans serif) plus surcharge (various font varieties) on postage stamp.

- 62. "50 cent." on 2c rose & green 10.00
- 63. "0,50" on 15c violet & red 35.00
- 64. "1 franc" on 15c violet & red 35.00
- 64a. inverted overprint 75.00
- 64b. double overprint, one sideways . 75.00



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72a



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80a

D) larger modern-style TIMBRE FISCAL (25-26mm long, with semi-serifs, wide "C") plus surcharge (various font varieties), mainly in black, a few in red (R), on postage stamps.

- 65. "0f,50" on 5c yellow & magenta ... 10.00
- 65a. ovpt double 50.00
- 66. "0fr.50" on 10c brown & red on yellow
..... 35.00
- 67. "0,50" on 15c violet & red 35.00
- 68. "1 franc" on 15c violet & red 15.00
- 69. "1 Franc" on 15c violet & red 35.00
- 70. "2 FRANCS" on 1F60 sepia 35.00
- 71. "2 FRANCS" on 1F60 sepia (R) 35.00
- 72. "3 francs" on 90c turquoise 15.00
- 72a. inverted overprint 75.00
- 73. "3 francs" on 90c turquoise (R) 20.00
- 74. "3 Francs" on 90c turquoise 15.00
- 75. "3 FRANCS" on 90c turquoise 25.00
- 76. "3 FRANCS" on 90c turquoise (R) 75.00
- 77. "5 francs" on 1F75 light blue & dark
blue 25.00
- 78. "10FRANCS" on 2F25 dark blue (R) ...
..... 50.00
- 78a. ovpt inverted 150.00
- (79. "20 francs" (?) on 90c turquoise)
- 80. "20 francs" on 2F25 dark blue 60.00
- 80a. dropped "2" in "20 francs" 65.00



E) very large roman style TIMBRE/FISCAL (33mm, with serifs) on postage stamps.

- 81. "0f,50" on 5c yellow & magenta ... 10.00
- 81a. ovpt double 50.00
- 82. "1 Franc" on 15c violet & red 10.00



F) horizontal ovpt TIMBRE / FISCAL in two lines, 8-9mm long, sans serifs, on vertical format postage stamps.

- 83. "1f" on 30c green & dark green 75.00
- 84. "2f" on 65c blue & brown 50.00



G) horizontal ovpt modern style TIMBRE /FISCAL in two lines, 12-15mm long, with semi-serifs, wide "C", on vertical format postage stamps.

- 85. "20 cent" on 55c ultramarine & red 10.00
- 86. "50 CENTmes" on 10c green 20.00
- 87. "1 FRANC" on 15c red 20.00
- 88. "1 f" on 30c green 20.00
- 88a. "TIMBRE" omitted 150.00
- 89. "2 f" on 65c blue & brown 75.00
- 90. "10 francs" on 80c red & brown ... 10.00
- 90a. ovpt inverted 100.00
- 90b. ovpt double 85.00



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H) small TIMBRE FISCAL, 21-22mm, sans serif, reading up or down, on vertical format postage stamps.

- 91. "0f50" on 3c magenta UP 10.00
- 92. "0,50" on 3c magenta UP 15.00
- 93. "2 francs" on 55c ultramarine & red UP
..... 100.00
- 94. "2 francs" on 55c ultramarine & red
DOWN 100.00
- 95. "2 francs" on 65c blue & brown DOWN
..... 15.00
- 96. "5 francs" on 80c red & brown UP 150.00



I) larger modern style TIMBRE FISCAL, 24½-26mm, with semi-serifs, wide "C", reading up or down, on vertical format postage stamps.

- 97. 2F on 10c green (R) UP 250.00
- 98. 2F on 10c green (R) DOWN 250.00
- 99. "2 Francs" on 65c blue & brown DOWN 10.00
- 100. "5 francs" on 80c red & brown UP 35.00



J) very larger roman style TIMBRE FISCAL, (33mm, with serifs), reading down, on vertical format stamp.

- 101. "2 Francs" on 65c blue & brown DOWN 20.00



1947-1948. Provisional surcharges on Timbre Fiscal issues of 1927 or 1939, with two dashes through old value, new value expressed as shown.

- 110. "0f50" on 5c lilac & red 75.00
- 111. "1 Fr" on 10c lilac & red 10.00
- 112. "1 Fr" on 15c bistre & blue 10.00
- 113. "1 Fr" on 15c lilac & red 10.00
- 114. "2 Frs" on 20c lilac & red 10.00
- 115. "3 Frs" on 30c lilac & red 10.00
- 115a. variety "3 frs" 25.00
- 115b. 115 + 115a se tenant *35.00

116. "3 Frs" on 45c bistre & blue 10.00



1947-1948. Provisional surcharges on Timbre Fiscal issues of 1927 or 1939, with three dashes through old value, new value expressed as shown.

- 117. "0,50" on 45c bistre & blue 10.00
- 118. "1 fr" on 10c lilac & red 10.00
- 119. "2 frs." on 20c lilac & red 10.00
- 120. "4 frs." on 10c lilac & red 15.00
- 121. "5 frs." on 5c lilac & red 10.00
- 122. "10 frs." on 15c bistre & blue 15.00
- 123. "10 frs." on 15c lilac & red 15.00
- 124. "20 frs." on 30c lilac & red 20.00
- 124a. variety ""20 fr." 35.00
- 125. "25 frs." on 25c lilac & red 20.00
- 125a. variety "20 fr." 35.00
- 126. "50 frs." on 35c lilac & red 35.00
- 126a. variety "50 fr." 50.00
- 127. "100 frs." on 40c bistre & blue 50.00
- 128. "100 frs." on 40c lilac & red 50.00

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1947-1948. Provisional surcharges on Timbre Fiscal issues of 1939, with eight dashes through old value, new value expressed as shown.

- 129. "10 frs." on 50c lilac & red 75.00



1947-1948. Provisional surcharges on Timbre Fiscal issues of 1939, with two short bars through old value, new value expressed as shown.

- 130. "10" on 3F rose & blue 10.00

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1947-1948. Provisional surcharge on Timbre Fiscal issues of 1939, reported by Bourdi but type not known.

- (131. 80F on 100F blue & red)



1947-1948. Provisional surcharges on Timbre Fiscal issues of 1939, with one thick bar through old value, new value expressed as shown.

- 132. "100" on 80F blue & red 25.00



1961. Timbre Fiscal stamps of France, ovpt CAMEROUN (ovpt 19mm wide, which is wider than the roundel diameter, and larger than the prewar issues), in red (R) or in blue (B). Tinted paper.

- 140. 5F rose, brown & blue (R?) 5.00
- 141. 10F blue & red (R) 5.00
- 142. 20F blue & red (R) 5.00
- 143. 30F blue & red (R) 7.50
- 144. 50F blue & red (R) 5.00
- 145. 100F blue & red (R) 10.00
- 146. 150F orange & blue (B) 25.00
- 147. 200F orange & blue (B) 20.00
- 148. 500F orange & blue (B) 25.00

FEDERAL REPUBLIC



1962. stamps with CAMEROUN Above issue, locally ovpt R.F.C. (République Fédérale du Cameroun). On A) stamps of 1939 with CAMEROUN 12mm wide, or B) stamps of 1961 with CAMEROUN 17mm wide.

- 150. 10F blue & red (R) B 10.00
- 151. 50F blue & red (R) A 5.00
- 152. 50F blue & red (R) B 10.00
- 153. 150F orange & blue (B) B 20.00
- 154. 200F orange & blue (B) A 15.00
- 155. 500F orange & red (B) A 15.00
- 156. 500F orange & red (B) B 15.00
- 157. 1000F green, dark green & black A .. 25.00
- 158. 2000F green, dark green & black A .. 35.00



c1963. "R.F.C." plus provisional surcharge on issue of 1961.

160. 400F on 5F rose, brown & blue ... 75.00



1963. Timbre Fiscal of France, ovpt REPUBLIQUE FEDERALE / DU CAMEROUN in red (R) or in deep blue (B), or in black (5F plus 1000F and above).

161. 5F red, brown, blue 10.00
 162. 10F blue, dark blue & red (R) 5.00
 163. 20F blue, dark blue & red (R) 5.00
 164. 30F blue, dark blue & red (R) 7.50
 165. 50F blue, dark blue & red (R) 5.00
 166. 100F blue, dark blue & red (R) 5.00
 167. 150F orange, red & blue (B) 15.00
 168. 200F orange, red & blue (B) 15.00
 169. 250F orange, red & blue (B) 15.00
 170. 400F orange, red & blue (B) 25.00
 171. 500F orange, red & blue (B) 25.00
 172. 1000F green, dark green & black . 35.00
 173. 2000F green, dark green & black . 50.00
 174. 5000F violet, red & black 75.00



1965. African Head, with bilingual inscriptions. Wml AT.

175. 5F yellow, slate-green & red 5.00
 176. 10F yellow, slate-green & red 5.00
 177. 20F yellow, slate-green & red 5.00
 178. 30F yellow, slate-green & red 5.00
 179. 50F yellow, slate-green & red 5.00 (180. 100F)
 181. 150F yellow, slate-green & red 10.00
 181a. wider "150" 15.00
 182. 200F yellow, slate-green & red 5.00
 183. 250F yellow, slate-green & red 5.00
 185. 400F yellow, slate-green & red 10.00
 185. 500F yellow, slate-green & red 7.50
 186. 1000F yellow, slate-green & red .. 10.00
 187. 2000F yellow, slate-green & red .. 15.00
 188. 5000F yellow, slate-green & red .. 25.00



c1967. Issue for Eastern Camerouon. Inscribed in French only. Perf 13.

189. 5F pale green, green & black 3.50
 190. 10F pale green, green & black 3.50

191. 20F pale green, green & black 3.50
 192. 50F pale green, green & black 3.50
 193. 100F pale green, green & black 3.50
 194. 150F pale green, green & black 5.00
 194a. wider "150" 7.50
 195. 200F pale green, green & black 3.50
 196. 500F pale green, green & black 5.00
 197. 1000F pale green, green & black 7.50
 198. 2000F pale green, green & black 15.00
 199. 5000F pale green, green & black 25.00



c1967. Issue for Western Cameroun. Inscribed in English only. Perf 13.

200. 5F rose & black 7.50
 201. 10F rose & black 7.50
 202. 20F rose & black 7.50
 203. 30F rose & black 10.00
 204. 50F rose & black 7.50
 205. 100F rose & black 7.50
 206. 150F rose & black 10.00 (206a. wider "150")
 207. 200F rose & black 7.50
 208. 500F rose & black 10.00
 209. 1000F rose & black 15.00
 210. 2000F rose & black 35.00
 211. 5000F rose & black 50.00



c1972. Bilingual inscription around the circle. Wml AGT. Perf 13.

212. 50F pale green, slate & black 3.50
 213. 250F pale green, slate & black 7.50
 214. 300F pale green, slate & black 10.00
 Other values in this series probably exist.



c1995. Inscribed "REPUBLIQUE DU CAMEROUN (bilingual). Some exist with green control letters.

220. 200F blue, pale blue & black 5.00
 220a. with green control letters 5.00
 221. 300F blue, pale blue & black 5.00
 221a. with green control letters 5.00
 222. 500F blue, pale blue & black 5.00
 222a. with green control letters 5.00

223. 1000F blue, pale blue & black 5.00 (223a. with green control letters)
 224. 5000F plum, yellow & black 10.00
 224a. with green control letters 10.00



c1997. Larger format.

230. 10,000F dark blue & black 20.00



2000. Dated 2000-2001. Unique serial number.

231. 500F black & red 5.00



2001. Dated 2001-2002. Unique serial number.

232. 500F green & black 5.00

Other dated designs for years 2002 to 2007 may exist.



2008. Dated 2008. Security background in yellow & grey, unique serial number, vertical security band.

240. 1000F blue & grey 5.00



2009. Dated 2009. Security background in yellow & grey, unique serial number, vertical security band.

242. 1000F green & grey 5.00

2010? Dated 2010? (242.)



2011. Dated 2011. Security background in grey (loops), unique serial number, vertical security band.

- 248. 1000F deep red & grey 5.00
 - 249. 50,000F pale blue & deep blue 20.00
- Other values may exist.



2012. Dated 2012. Security background in grey (mesh), unique serial number, vertical security band.

- 255. 50,000F multicoloured. 20.00
- Other values may exist.



2013. Dated 2013. Security background in grey (mesh), unique serial number, vertical security band.

- 256. 1000F multicoloured 5.00
- Other values may exist.



2017. Same design but dated 2017.

- 260. 1000F multicoloured 5.00

CAMEROUN AIRPORT TAX



c2000. Unique serial number in black.

- 1. 5000F deep violet & black 10.00

CAMEROUN COPIES

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1927. Copies stamps of French Congo, overprinted CAMEROUN.

- 1. 60c blue 150.00
- 2. 1F20 lilac 50.00

CAMEROUN ENREGISTREMENT



1927. Enregistrement stamps of French Congo, handstamped CAMEROUN diagonally.

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|--------------------|--------|
| 1. 1F blue | 35.00 |
| 2. 2F brown | 50.00 |
| 3. 3F green | 35.00 |
| 4. 5F mauve | 100.00 |
| 5. 10F grey | 20.00 |
| 6. 100F rose | 150.00 |



A



B



C

c1927. Postage stamps of Cameroun (Type A) Cattle fording river, B) Tapping rubber trees, C) Liana suspension bridge), handstamped ENREGISTREMENT, horizontally on horizontal format stamps, vertically reading either up or down on vertical format stamps. Reported quantities so printed are indicated in brackets (*Print figure for these items is probably for both UP and DOWN combined).

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|--|-------|
| 10. 5c orange & lilac (1803) A | 25.00 |
| 11. 10c brown & red on yellow (6085) A . | 15.00 |
| 11a. inverted ovpt | 75.00 |

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| 12. 15c pale green & green (1083) A ... | 25.00 |
| 13. 20c green UP (4456) B | 15.00 |
| 14. 20c green DOWN* B | 15.00 |
| 15. 25c yellow-green & black UP (1162) B .. | 25.00 |
| | 25.00 |
| 16. 30c green & red UP (410) B | 150.00 |
| 17. 30c green & red DOWN* B | 150.00 |
| 18. 35c brown & black UP (193) B | 250.00 |
| 19. 35c brown & black DOWN* B | 250.00 |
| 20. 45c red & rose UP (120) B | 350.00 |
| 21. 50c yellow-green & rose UP (7300) B .. | 50.00 |
| | 50.00 |
| 22. 50c yellow-green & rose DOWN* B ... | 50.00 |
| | 50.00 |
| 23. 75c blue UP (318) B | 150.00 |
| 24. 75c blue DOWN* B | 150.00 |
| 25. 1F blue (2750) C | 25.00 |

CAMEROUN SANTE PUBLIQUE

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c1962. Connaissance stamp of France, overprinted SANTE PUBLIQUE / PUBLIC HEALTH.

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| 1. 300F green & black | 35.00 |
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CAMEROUON TAXES COMMUNALES



1948. Taxes Communales stamps of France ovpt CAMEROUN (17mm wide) in red (R) at top of stamp.

1. 3F blue, violet & red (R) 35.00
2. 10F blue, dark blue & red (R) 15.00
3. 20F blue, dark blue & red (R) 20.00



1955. Above issue surcharged, two bars through previous value. 10F has "10" with thick numerals, narrow "0".

4. 10F on 3F blue, violet & red 25.00
5. 40F on 3F blue, violet & red 150.00



1955. Similar surcharged issue with additional ovpt "Budget / communal" and has "IO" with thin numerals, wide "O".

6. 10F on 3F rose, brown & blue 75.00



1955. Taxes Communales stamps of France ovpt CAMEROUN (17mm wide) in red (R) or in blue (B) at bottom of stamp.

7. 10F blue, violet & red (R) 7.50
8. 40F orange, red & blue (B) 20.00



1959. Taxes Communales stamps of France ovpt CAMEROUN (17mm wide) in blue (B) at top of stamp.

9. 40F orange, red & blue (B) 7.50
- (10. 50F orange, red & blue (B))
11. 80F orange, red & blue (B) 25.00

12. 100F orange, red & blue (B) 35.00
- See also 1962 for larger 19mm wide CAMEROUN.



1959. Taxes Communales stamps of France ovpt CAMEROUN (17mm wide) in red (R) at top of stamp.

13. 5F blue, dark blue & red (R) 15.00
14. 10F blue, dark blue & red (R) 15.00
15. 20F green, dark green & red (R) 5.00
16. 50F green, dark green & red (R) 5.00
17. 80F green, dark green & red (R) 10.00
18. 100F green, dark green & red (R) .. 25.00



c1959. Same design (CAMEROUN still 17mm wide), but new colours.

19. 20F purple & lilac (R) 5.00
20. 40F purple & lilac (R) 5.00
21. 50F purple & lilac (R) 5.00
22. 80F purple & lilac (R) 10.00



1962. Taxes Communales stamps of France ovpt CAMEROUN (larger, 19mm wide) in red (R) at top of stamp.

22. 10F blue, violet & red (R) 5.00
23. 20F blue, violet & red (R) 5.00
24. 20F orange, red & blue (R) 5.00
25. 40F orange, red & blue (B) 7.50
- xx. 50F orange, red & blue (B) 5.00
26. 80F green & red (R) 7.50
27. 100F green, dark green & red (R) .. 10.00
28. 100F orange, red & blue (B) 10.00

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1963. Taxes Communales stamps of France ovpt REPUBLIQUE FEDERALE DU CAMEROUN at top of stamp.

29. 5F blue, violet & red 7.50
30. 10F blue, violet & red 5.00
31. 20F orange, red & blue 5.00
32. 40F orange, red & blue 7.50
33. 50F orange, red & blue 5.00
34. 80F orange, red & blue 15.00

35. 100F orange, red & blue 15.00



1965. African Head, inscription in French.

36. 5F violet & black 5.00
37. 10F violet & black 5.00
38. 20F violet & black 5.00
39. 40F violet & black 7.50
40. 50F violet & black 5.00
41. 80F violet & black 10.00
42. 100F violet & black 10.00



c1975. African Head, bilingual inscription.

49. 50F rose & black 10.00
50. 100F rose & black 10.00



c1990. Unique serial number.

51. 200F black 5.00



c2005. Unique serial number, vertical security band.

52. 200F yellow & black 5.00